

REMARKS

Claims 41-57 remain in this application. Claims 25-40 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 41-57 have been added. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Notice of Other Issued Patent To Same Assignee

The Applicants want to put the Examiner on notice of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,576, which is assigned to the same assignee as the present application.

Notice of Other Pending Application To Same Assignee

The Applicants want to put the Examiner on notice of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/622,995, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,576, and which is assigned to the same assignee as the present application.

Conclusion

It is believed that all pending claims patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

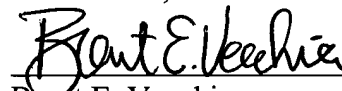
The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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